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ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
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Today is: Sunday, December 12, 2021

11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker

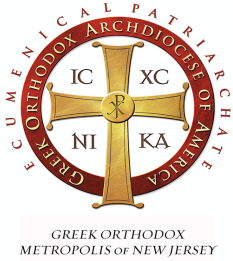
Ἁγίου Σπυρίδωνος τοῦ Θαυματουργοῦ

***Thank you for worshiping at St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral in Philadelphia.***

The work of the Cathedral in service to the Eastern Orthodox faithful and predominately the Greek Orthodox faithful to the city of Philadelphia is made possible entirely through private support. The gifts of people from across the country are behind every worship service, public ministry and the work of maintaining this historic landmark. It is only through your generosity that the Cathedral can fully live into its priorities of welcoming, deepening, convening, and serving.

We invite you to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Visit: www.stgeorgecathedral.org to sign up for our weekly newsletter. You can also make a gift to help keep the Cathedral strong -- either as the plate is passed or by using our online giving program.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know that your presence with us today has been a blessing.



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My beloved parishioners and friends of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral,

Whether you are returning Greek Orthodox to our legendary St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, or a newcomer to Philadelphia, or the Greater Delaware Valley, or someone with an emerging interest in the Orthodox Faith, I, the Parish Council and the parishioners and families of St. George Cathedral welcome you to our home where we have been serving for close to 100 years. Since the days of the first Divine Liturgy back in 1912 in the original church and continuing through their current St. George Cathedral, the people of Orthodox faith have gathered together for prayer, faith foundation, worship, service to the poor and fellowship. As a parish community, some of our proudest moments come through the children served through our Religious Education and Greek school programs creating the next generation of Orthodox to serve here locally and to share the message of Christ throughout the world.

Our schools commit to teach as Jesus did; instilling a love of our Orthodox faith and love of neighbor. St. George Cathedral Religious and Greek Schools create a caring, respectful environment which promote the learning of language, history and tradition and religion, and develop faithful Christians and responsible citizens. The schools strive to reach each child through an engaging environment filled with hands on teaching and a true compassion for sacred life. Instilling a love for God, the teachings of Jesus and a true passion for learning are the most important lessons we can share with our children.

I ask that you go to the website of the Cathedral at: <https://www.saintgeorgecathedral.org/language.html> for the Greek School and: <https://www.saintgeorgecathedral.org/education.html> for the Religious Education School for an opportunity to learn more about our Cathedral Schools. Please contact the Principals of the Religious Education School, Eleni Belisonzi at: ebelisonzi@gmail.com and Agnes Zidros, the Directors of the Greek School at: Saintgeorgeagnes@verizon.net or for both the office of the Cathedral at: 215-627-4389 for more information, or to arrange a tour. They look forward to hearing from you!

I certainly hope you will acquaint yourself with what our schools have to offer by exploring our website and find something that interests you as well as encourage you to become an active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any other member of the parish staff, by calling the Parish Office at (215-627-4389) or office@stgeorgecathedral.org.

God Bless you all,

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis Bowers
Dean of the Cathedral

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TODAY

12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

- *40-Days Memorial Service Chrisafia Chrisanthopoulos. May her memory be eternal!*
- *Trisagion Theodore Bottos. May his memory be eternal!*

Wed., Dec. 15

St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Dec, 19

SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wed., Dec. 15

St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Wed., Dec. 22

St. Anastasia the Grear Martyr

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Frid., Dec. 24

The Royal Hours of Christmas with a Vesperal Liturgy

Service starts at 8:30am

Sat., Dec, 25

THE HOLY CHRISTMAS

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Dec, 26

SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sat., Jan. 1

St. Basil the Great

(THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sun., Jan. 2

SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

8:45am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

-Memorial Service Aikaterini Bitziadis. May her memory be eternal!

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ

ΔΩΔΕΚΑΤΗ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΛΟΥΚΑ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερο Μνημόσυνον Χρυσ αφίας Χρυσανθοπούλου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία.*
- *Τρισάγιον Θεοδώρου Μπόττου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμη αὐτοῦ νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία.*

Τετ., 15 Δεκ.

Ἁγίου Ἐλευθερίου τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρος

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 19 Δεκ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετ., 22 Δεκ.

Ἁγίας Ἀναστασίας τῆς Φαρμακολυτρίας

8:30π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 9:30π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρ., 24 Δεκ.

Οἱ Βασιλικές Ὦρες τῶν Χριστουγέννων μετὰ τοῦ Ἑσπερινοῦ τῶν Χριστουγέννων καὶ τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας τοῦ Ἁγίου Βασιλείου
Ἡ ἀκολουθίες ἀρχίζουν στὶς 8:30π.μ.

Σαβ., 25 Δεκ.

ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 26 Δεκ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΩΝ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Σαβ., 1 Ἰαν.

**Ἁγίου Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου
(ΑΡΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΝΕΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ)**

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυρ., 2 Ἰαν.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΦΩΤΩΝ

8:45π.μ. ὁ Ὅρθρος, 10:00π.μ. ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία
- *Τεσσαρακονθήμερον Μνημόσυνον Αἰκατερίνης Μπιτζιάδου. Εἶθε ἡ μνήμης αὐτῆς νὰ εἶναι αἰωνία!*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- TODAY** **Greek/Sunday School Christmas Celebration and Philoptochos Bakesale**
@ the Cathedral Social Hall @ the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Metropolis of New Jersey Ambassadors Event**
@ the Merion, Cinnaminson, NJ at 4:30pm.
- Mon., Dec. 13** **Youth Christmas Celebration with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**
St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, NJ @ 6:00pm.
- Tues., Dec. 14** **100th Anniversary Committee Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office, @ 6:00pm
- Thur. Dec. 16** **Metropolis of New Jersey Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration**
@ the Metropolis of NJ headquarters
- Sun., Jan. 9** **100th Anniversary Vasilopita Cutting and Philoptochos Sisterhood Luncheon. Proceeds benefit St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY**
@ the Social Hall immediately after the end of the Divine Liturgy
- Tues., Jan. 11** **Parish Council Meeting**
@ the Cathedral Office @ 6:30pm.

THE EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

5.8-19

Ἀδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε - ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθωσύνῃ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ - δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ κυρίῳ· καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάρποις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε· τὰ γὰρ κρυφῆ γινόμενα ὑπ' αὐτῶν αἰσχρὸν ἐστὶν καὶ λέγειν. Τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦνται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανερούμενον φῶς ἐστίν. Διὸ λέγει, "Ἐγειρε ὁ καθεύδων καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφάσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν πῶς ἀκριβῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι, ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραὶ εἰσιν. Διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ κυρίου. Καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ κυρίῳ.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel is According to Luke

14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκάν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

14.16-24

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δείπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· Ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἄγρὸν ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δοῦλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεταιί μου τοῦ δείπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσιν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί.



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ

October 7, 2021

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, the esteemed presidents and members of the Parish Councils, the gracious presidents and members of the Philoptochos Sisterhood, and the beloved presidents and members of the GOYA Chapters of the Holy Metropolis of New Jersey's Greek Orthodox Communities of the Delaware Valley Region:

It is with particular joy that I announce that the **11th Annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Delaware Valley Region Ambassador Awards Banquet** will take place at **The Merion** banquet hall, located at **1301 Route 130 South, in Cinnaminson, New Jersey**, on **Sunday, December 12, 2021**. Kindly know that the **Cocktail Hour** will begin promptly at **4:30 p.m.**, followed by **dinner** at **5:30 p.m.**

As in previous years, faithful from the parishes in the Delaware Valley Region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will be honored for their dedicated service and selfless contributions to their parish ministries. This year's honorees will be selected from the following eight categories: Ambassador of Hope, Ambassador of Faith, Ambassador of Love, Ambassador of Peace, Philoptochos honoree, Parish honoree, Youth Worker honoree and Essential Medical Worker honoree.

As always, the Ambassador Awards Banquet serves as an opportunity to come together as one Orthodox family and to appropriately recognize the efforts of all those who freely offer their time, talents and treasures for the glory of God and the support of His Church. And so, you are all wholeheartedly invited to attend this annual event, so that we may fittingly express our collective gratitude and appreciation for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Extending to all of you my archpastoral blessings and heartfelt prayers for much health and strength, peace and spiritual prosperity from above, I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



*His Eminence,
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
Requests the pleasure of your company
at the*

**2021 DELAWARE VALLEY REGION
AMBASSADOR AWARDS BANQUET**

on

Sunday, December 12, 2021

at

“The Merion”

1901 US Rte. 130 South, Cinnaminson, NJ

Your presence will be greatly appreciated

Cocktail Hour: 4:30pm

Program and Dinner: 5:30pm

Tickets: Adults: \$95.00, Children: \$50.00

Please contact and make checks payable to your local parish
to purchase tickets.

RSVP by December 1, 2021



"Christmas Youth Celebration with our Archbishop"

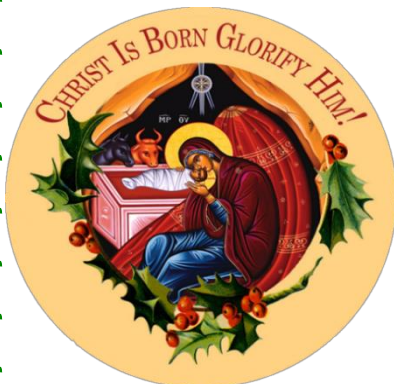
His Eminence

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

**Invites all the Delaware Valley Youth and families
to a Joyous Christmas Celebration!**

Monday, December 13th @ 6:00 pm

**St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church,
615 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**



Enjoy an evening of
fellowship featuring

**Carols – Kalanda of Greece,
Christmas Songs, Tree
Lighting Celebration and
much more!!**



Come and meet our Archbishop!



*His Eminence,
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America*

Cordially Invites you to the

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING &
OPEN HOUSE**

on

**Thursday, December 16, 2021
6:00 – 9:00pm**

*At the
Metropolis Headquarters
215 E. Grove Street
Westfield, NJ 07090*



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Christmas Pageant

**SUNDAY DEC 12TH
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**

**AFTERWARDS, ALL ARE INVITED TO
GATHER IN THE HALL FOR THE
PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Starting in November, the Cathedral Philoptochos Sisterhood will be collecting gently used men's clothing and also toiletries for the **ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE** in Philadelphia for the Homeless. Please help us by contributing to this good cause. We will be collecting items until Christmas.

St. John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Service located in Center City Philadelphia. Established in 1963 by Monsignor Anthony J. O'Neil and the little brothers of Good Shepherd, St. John was created as an outreach ministry to serve and assist the poor and homeless in the community. St. John's continues to provide crucial, life-sustaining service with dignity, respect, and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia. They take care daily close to 200 homeless people.

For contributions, please contact the Cathedral office @ 215-627-4389, or Jenny Kravaris @ 610-716-4502.



PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Please join us for lunch, Christmas shopping and the drawing of the Lagos bracelet raffle.

Order your sweets ahead for pick up at the bazaar.

All proceeds will benefit our social services to assist the poor.





LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL AI MYROPHOPAI ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE 2021

Assorted tray of pastries **\$ 35.00**

(baklava, kataifi, melomakarona, kourambiedes, koulourakia.)

Baklava tray (15 pieces)	40.00
Kataifi (15 pieces)	40.00
Melomakarona (12 pieces)	18.00
Kourambiedes (12 pieces)	18.00
Koulourakia (30 pieces)	10.00
Vasilopitta	20.00

Your **Vasilopitta** orders must be in by **December 5, 2021**

Please place your orders for baked goods before
December 10, 2021

Please Call - Jenny Kravaris 610-716-4502

or email the church office at office@saintgeorgecathedral.org



Name _____

Items ordered _____



St. George Cathedral Philoptochos
“Ai Myrophoroi”

*Please join the members and friends of
St. George Cathedral to kick off the year
by celebrating the*

100 Year Anniversary!

January 9, 2022

and the same time to help raise funds for

*St. Basils Academy
with a luncheon and auction*

Lunch: (Pastitsio, Salad & Dessert) - \$15.00



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral



GOD BLESS & PROTECT OUR HEROES

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
FIRST RESPONDERS • ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Welcome to Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Saint George is an historic Cathedral located in downtown Philadelphia, under the spiritual auspices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. We extend to you a warm and heartfelt Orthodox Christian welcome. Our Greek Orthodox Cathedral is dedicated to imitating the love and faithfulness of Jesus Christ by sharing the gospel with our words and living it with our lives. It exists to lead the faithful to the worship of the Holy Trinity according to the Faith and Tradition of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our witnessing to our Faith is accomplished through the Sacramental life of the Church, its values and traditions, stewardship, fellowship, service, and Christian education.



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